



UPDATE to Occupancy Restrictions & Alcohol Sales

While [Green Phase Restaurant Operation Guidelines](#) remain in effect, there have been recent changes to occupancy restrictions and alcohol sales.

RESTAURANT OCCUPANCY and SELF CERTIFICATION

Social Distancing

- Maximum occupancy, to include all customers and employees at the facility, is calculated using the following two methods. The more restrictive number must be used. Ensure maximum occupancy limits for indoor and outdoor areas are posted and strictly enforced.

Indoor Dining:

- Limit indoor occupancy to 50% of stated fire code maximum occupancy if the facility has self-certified through [Open & Certified PA](#). If restaurants do not self-certify, they may not exceed 25% of the indoor occupancy limit. AND
- Arrange indoor dining space so that customers sitting at a table are not within six feet of any customers sitting at another table in any direction. The six feet cannot include the space taken up by the seated guest.

Outdoor Dining:

- Limit outdoor dining to 25% of stated fire code maximum occupancy, or up to 25 people per 1,000 square feet if no fire code number capacity is published or available, AND,
- Arrange outdoor dining space so that customers sitting at a table are not within six feet of any customers sitting at another table in any direction. The six feet cannot include the space taken up by the seated guest.

Alcohol Sales

- Alcohol can only be served for on-premises consumption when in the same transaction as a meal. All alcohol sales for on-premises and off-site consumption must close at 11:00 PM.

EVENTS and GATHERINGS

Private event spaces and wedding venues which do not offer food service are not subject to this guidance, but must follow all applicable provisions of the commonwealth's [Guidance for Businesses Permitted to Operate During the COVID-19 Disaster Emergency to Ensure the Safety and Health of Employees and the Public](#).

- **Effective October 9, 2020**, in addition to the Green phase maximum occupancy limits, discrete gatherings and events such as weddings, and catered events which may be held within a restaurant, facility, or venue are limited to an occupancy limit as determined by the [Maximum Occupancy Calculator](#) outlined in the Targeted Mitigation Order Event Amendment.
- All private event spaces and wedding venues with food service authorized to conduct in-person activities pursuant to this guidance must require event hosts to maintain a list of all guests in attendance including phone number and expected location 14 days after the event.